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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD BURR, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal and dependable Creator, who harmonized the world with seasons and climates, sowing and reaping, color and fragrance, accept our grateful praise. Thank You for sustaining our lives in each season of living, for protecting us from dangers and for giving us Your peace.

Thank You for the members of our Government legislative branch, for their efforts to make our world better. As they plant seeds of freedom, prepare them for an abundant harvest. Remind them daily that You surround the upright with the shield of Your favor.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD BURR led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 27, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD BURR, a Sen-

ator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BURR thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today we will have a period of morning business until 11 a.m. At 11, we will resume consideration of the flag antidesecration resolution, which we began debate on yesterday. The time until 2:15 will be for debate only on the flag resolution.

Under the order from last night, we have controlled time, and Senators who would like to speak should consult with the managers and get in the queue.

Also, today we will recess for the weekly policy luncheons from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. We will announce the voting schedule later today. However, we will not have any votes scheduled prior to the recess for the policy luncheons.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with the first 15 minutes of time under the control of the majority leader or his designee, the next 15 minutes of time

under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, and the remaining time will be equally divided.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask for 15 minutes under the Democratic time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### EUROPEAN SUBSIDIES

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, in the coming weeks, we are entering an important crossroad in the future of commercial aerospace. I wish to explain this morning what is at stake for our country and for American workers.

Down one road, American workers will be left to fight for their jobs with one hand tied behind their backs. They will face unfair competition, and our economy and our future could suffer. Down the other road, our Government will make it clear that we will fight for fair trade, and our economy and our workers will win as a result. That is the crossroad we are approaching, and which path we take will be determined by two things: whether Europe decides to provide illegal subsidies to Airbus and EADS and whether the U.S. Government works aggressively to keep that from happening.

For decades, Europe has provided subsidies to prop up Airbus and its parent company EADS. Those subsidies have created an uneven playing field and have led to tens of thousands of layoffs in the United States.

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